



## OPTION SUBJECT GCSE DRAMA

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**Examination Board**

**AQA - Graded 1 – 9**

Drama offers pupils the opportunity to explore and present their ideas in a practical and aesthetic format, as well as the traditional essay writing and written examination format.

At GCSE the course aims to encourage and develop pupils' creative skills while teaching them new performance techniques. It also helps them communicate their ideas to an audience. Emphasis is placed on working and co-operating within a group to share ideas and give presentations, to support the development of these skills for the pupils' future employment in many professions/industries.

They will also develop their written descriptive, analytic and evaluation skills through writing about drama they create and watch. They will develop their vocabulary and learn to decode more detailed questions.

The Drama Studio has its own sound and lighting systems and a range of costumes and make-up. These facilities allow our pupils to explore the technical elements of work in Drama while working on their practical coursework. All pupils taking this two year course will develop their acting skills and explore sound, lighting, set design and costume design.

Pupils will be assessed in two ways on their attainment in Drama. All pupils will sit a written paper on the following:

<b>Section A</b>	Drama terminology
<b>Section B</b>	Extracts from the set play chosen – 'Blood Brothers' studied in full for staging purposes.
<b>Section C</b>	The work of theatre makers in a single live theatre production – pupils write about and analyse a piece of live theatre they have seen.

This written paper is worth 40% of the overall mark.

The remaining 60% is assessed through the creation and performance of a range of practical work, including scripts. They have to create two performances; performance of devised drama which is videoed and moderated by the exam board and a performance of two extracts from a script to an external examiner. A written log is completed to demonstrate further understanding.

Devised Coursework will be presented during their second year to KS3 pupils.

***Please note that students cannot choose to study both GCSE Drama and Performing Arts BTEC***